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OF THE

THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

REEDY CREEK

Missionary Baptist Associat'n

CONVENED AT

New Bethel Baptist Church, Warren Co., N. C.,

October 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th, 1881.

RALEIGH, N. C:
1881.

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" ROBERT JONES,
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" HENDERSON KEARNEY,
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" WILEY WOODARD,
" ARCH. STALLINGS,
" DAVID DANIEL,
" BERRY DRAWHORN,
" NICK TAYLOR,
" ELLIS PRATT,
" WILLIAM ALSTON,
" E. H. WARD,
" THOMAS COPPEDGE,
Rev. M. PITCHFORD,
" O. B. ALSTON.

I would be obliged to the Clerks of the several churches to state upon the face of their letters their PASTOR'S ADDRESS, *and not theirs, as they are strictly required.*

Yours, A. H. JONES.

PROCEEDINGS.

NEW BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH, Warren Co., N. C.,
Tuesday, October 4th, 1881.

The Association was called to order by the President, Rev. John Mayes, 11½ o'clock a. m. Opened by singing hymn 744. Read the 15th chapter of 1st Corinthians. Rev. C. B. Gibbs lead in prayer. Sung hymn 782. House declared ready for business.

On motion of Rev. O. B. Alston, Rev. J. Johnson was requested to act as temporary chairman.

On motion of Bro. D. H. Eaton, the roll of delegates was called.

On motion of Rev. C. B. Gibbs, the election of the President was ordered to be made unanimous.

On motion, a committee of five was appointed to select the other officers of this Association.

On motion of Rev. C. B. Gibbs, the chair was requested to appoint said committee. The chair appointed Revs. L. Brown, E. H. Ward, Bros. D. H. Eaton, G. L. Buffaloe and R. H. Robinson.

On motion of Rev. C. B. Gibbs, a committee of three was appointed on time of meeting and adjourning, including religious exercises.

On motion, the chair was requested to appoint said committee. The chair appointed Bros. Solomon Clanton, Randall Yates and Douglas Towns.

On motion of Rev. C. B. Gibbs, a committee of five was appointed on Finance and Letters, and that the chair appoint said committee. The chair appointed Rev. Moses Pitchford, Bros. Samuel Williams, E. L. Burt, Robert Jones and Lewis Harris.

On motion, agreed to hear the report of the committee on Nomination. The committee reported as follows:

We, your commitsee on Nomination, beg leave to report that we appoint Bro. E. Burt for Treasurer; Bro. A. H. Jones, Recording Secretary; Bro. G. W. Buffaloe, Corresponding Secretary, and Rev. L. Brown, Auditor.

The report was received and committee discharged.

On motion of Bro. C. Burt, a committee of three was appointed on Temperance, and that the chair have power to appoint said committee. The chair appointed Revs. E. H. Ward, B. Snow and Bro. Archur Reeks.

On motion of Rev. O. B. Alston, visiting brethren were invited to seats with us in this Association.

On motion of Rev. C. B. Gibbs, a committee of three was appointed on Ordination, and that the chair appoint said committee. The chair appointed Revs. C. B. Gibbs, O. B. Alston and L. Brown.

On motion of Rev. C. B. Gibbs, a committee of five was appointed on Grievances.

On motion of Bro. Newsom Drawhorn, the chair was requested to appoint said committee. The chair appointed Revs. C. Johnson, P. Alston, J. Johnson, Isham Moore and Bro. Oliver Alston.

On motion of Rev. O. B. Alston, the Association adjourned to meet again at 3 o'clock p. m.

Prayer by Rev. E. H. Ward. Benediction by the President.

Afternoon Session.

The Association was called to order by the President, Rev. J. Mayes. The Association sang the 114th hymn, the 5th chapter of Matthew was read by the Moderator, and prayer was offered by Rev. Robt. Shepard, after which the 390th hymn was sung.

On motion of Rev. C. B. Gibbs, the proceedings of the morning session were read, corrected and adopted.

On motion of Rev. J. Johnson, the Rules of Order were read.

On motion of Rev. B. Snow, the report of the committee on Religious Exercises was read, as follows:

We, your Committee on Religious Exercises, beg leave to report as follows: Meet in the morning at 8:30 o'clock, adjourn at 12 o'clock m; meet at 2 o'clock p. m,. adjourn at 5 o'clock p. m; meet at 8 o'clock p. m. and adjourn at pleasure. Rev. M. Pitchford and Bro. Joseph Perry to preach at the arbor at 3:30 o'clock p. m.; Rev. E. H. Ward to preach the Introductory Sermon at 8 o'clock to-night, Rev. J. Sills alternate; Bro. Newsom Drawhorn and Bro. Stanly Hunter to conduct sunrise prayer meeting to-morrow morning.

On motion of Bro. Newsom Drawhorn, the report was received.

On motion of Rev. C. B. Gibbs, a committee of three was appointed on Foreign Missions.

On motion, the President appointed brethren Jas. Berkson and Willis Esque to act as marshals.

The hour having arrived, adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock p. m. Prayer was offered by Rev. B. Snow. Benediction by the President.

Night Service.

The Association was called to order at 8 o'clock by the President.

The 570th hymn was sung, the 3rd chapter of Genesis was read, prayer was offered by Bro. Nick Taylor, the 762 hymn sung, after which Rev. E. H. Ward preached the Introductory Sermon from Luke i, 47. The sermon was truly interesting and greatly enjoyed by the congregation. The 800th hymn was sung and a collection for Associational purposes taken up, amounting to $6.15. Adjourned.

MORNING SESSION.

Wednesday, Oct. 5th, 1881.

The Association was called to order at 8:30 o'clock by the president, Rev. John Mayes. Sang hymn 166, read the 68th Psalm. Rev. C. Johnson lead in prayer. Sang hymn 637.

House was declared ready for business.

On motion of Rev. L. Brown, the proceedings of the afternoon session were read and adopted.

On motion, the committee on Finance was allowed to collect the money loaned from this Association during its second sitting.

On motion of Bro. W. H. Perry, the roll was called.

On motion of Bro. B. Shaw, the chair appointed a committee of three

on Foreign Missions. The chair appointed Revs. E. H. Ward, L. Brown, and Bro. Joseph Perry.

On motion of Rev. O. B. Alston, Rev. R. Shepard was allowed fifteen minutes to give a lecture on Sabbath Schools and the Publication Society. The audience paid strict attention.

On motion of Rev. O. B. Alston, the report of the committee on Religious Exercises was read and adopted as follows:

We, your committee on Religious Exercises, beg leave to report: Rev. C. B. Gibbs to preach the Missionary Sermon to-night at 8 o'clock; Rev. J. Ash, Alternate. Rev. A. Burgess to preach at the arbor at 11 o'clock; Bro. W. H. Perry, Alternate. Preaching at the arbor at 3 o'clock p. m., by Rev. J. Cousin; Robert Jones, Alternate.

On motion of Rev. B. Snow, the report was received and adopted.

On motion, the resolution on the Baptist Publication Society was received and adopted.

On motion of Rev. C. B. Gibbs, a committee of seven was appointed to determine who shall preach the special sermons at the next Association, also the time and place of the same. The chair appointed the following: Rev. O. B. Alston, Bros. Frederick Batchelor, Samuel Burt, Geo. Davis, Rev. J. Johnson, Bros. R. H. Roberson, William Jenkins.

On motion of Rev. L. Brown, the resolution offered by Bro. J. Perry was read and adopted.

The hour having arrived, the Association adjourned. Prayer by Bro. Richard Skinner. Benediction by the Moderator.

Afternoon Session.

The Association was called to order at 2:30 o'clock by the president, Rev. John Mayes. Sang hymn 299. Read the 51st Psalm. Bro. J. H. Williams lead in prayer. Sang hymn 596, and declared house ready for business.

On motion of Bro. R. H. Roberson, the proceedings of the morning session were read and adopted.

On motion of Bro. Newsom Drawhorn, it was decided that two more be added to the committee on Foreign Missions, and the chair appointed Rev. C. Johnson and Bro. W. H. Perry.

On motion of Rev B. Snow, the resolution offered by Rev. E. H. Ward on distances of churches, was read and adopted.

On motion of Rev. C. B. Gibbs, the report of the missionary was read and adopted.

On motion of D. H. Eaton, the report on Devotional Exercises was adopted as follows:

We, your committee on Religious Exercises, beg leave to report as follows: Rev. J. H. Burgess to preach the Doctrinal sermon to-morrow at 11 o'clock a. m., Bro. Virgil Harper, alternate.

On motion, the report of the committee on Foreign Missions was read as follows:

We, your committee on Foreign Missions, beg to report:

Whereas, The Baptist State Convention of North Carolina has appointed Rev. J. O. Hayes as a missionary to go to Africa to preach the gospel to our brethren; And whereas, our beloved Bro. J. O. Hayes has gone and is now in Africa to-day preaching the gospel to that people; be it

Resolved 1*st*. That this Association give the sum of $5.00 for his support.

Resolved 2*d*. That this Association appoint a Foreign Mission Board of seven members to labor with the State Foreign Mission Board in raising money for the work, and the following named brethren be appointed as said Board: Revs. J. Mayes, L. Brown, E. H. Ward, C. B. Gibbs, O. B. Alston, J. Johnson and J. Burgess. We also recommend that a collection be taken up in each church and Sunday School during the months of June and October in 1882 for the same.

Be it resolved further, That each pastor in this Association preach a sermon for the same work as often as he can.

Respectfully submitted,

E. H. WARD.
L. BROWN,
J. PERRY,
C. JOHNSON,
W. H. PERRY.

On motion of R. H. Roberson, the report was adopted.

The hour for adjournment having arrived, adjourned with prayer by Bro. Robert Wright. Benediction by the President.

NIGHT SESSION.

The Association was called to order at 8 o'clock by the President, Rev. J. Mayes. Sang hymn 577, and read the 23d chapter of the Prophet Jeremiah. Sang hymn 483.

House was announced ready for business.

On motion of Rev. J. Johnson, the proceedings of the afternoon session was read.

A motion to reconsider the portion relative to the Doctrinal sermon was adopted, and on motion of Rev. O. Alston, Rev. J H. Burgess was appointed to preach the Doctrinal Sermon to-morrow at 11 o'clock, Rev. Virgil Harper, Alternate; Rev. O. B. Alston to preach the Educational Sermon to-morrow night, and Bro. Robt. Wright Alternate.

On motion of Rev. O. B. Alston, the proceedings of the afternoon session were read and adopted.

The hour for preaching having arrived, business was suspended.

Sang hymn 870, and read 1st chapter of St John. Prayer by Rev. G. W. Nicholson. Sang hymn 800, "Go preach my Gospel, says the Lord." After which the Missionary Sermon was preached by Rev. C. B. Gibbs, his text being 2d chapter of the book of Daniel and 23d verse. The sermon was truly enjoyed by the congregation. Sang hymn and collection was taken up for Foreign Missions amounting to $5.00, after which the Association adjourned.

MORNING SESSION.

THURSDAY, October 6th, 1881.

The Association was called to order at 8:30 o'clock by the President, Rev. J. Mayes. Sang hymn 369 and read the 90th Psalm. Prayer by Rev. J. Johnson. Then sang hymn 988, and declared house ready for business.

On motion, the proceedings of the extra night session were adopted.

On motion of Bro. Newsom Drawhorn, Rev. J. Johnson was allowed to go home, and Rev. O. B. Alston was substituted in his stead.

On motion of Bro. Newsom Drawhorn, the question concerning the missionary was taken up for debate.

On motion, no brother was allowed to speak more than twice on the same subject, and three minutes each.

The hour having arrived for preaching, business was suspended.

Sang hymn 674, and read 24th chapter of Matthew. Rev. H. Lynch lead in prayer. Sang a hymn, after which the Doctrinal Sermon was preached by Rev. J. H. Burgess, from 1st chapter of Jude and 3d verse. The sermon was enjoyed by the congregation.

Benediction by the President.

Afternoon Session.

The Association was called to order at 2½ o'clock p. m., by the president, Rev. John Mayes. Sung hymn 215. Read the 2nd chapter of Jonah. Prayer by Bro. Anthony Roberson. Sung hymn 791.

House ready for business.

On motion of Bro. Richard Nicholson, the proceedings of the morning session were read.

On motion of Bro. Randall Yates, the proceedings were adopted.

On motion of Rev. C. B. Gibbs, the Ministerial Board was empowered to appoint the missionary for the year 1882; also that the Board have power to discharge him in case they find him an unfaithful instrument. The Missionary is required to report to the Board monthly.

On motion of Rev. C. B. Gibbs, a committee of three was appointed on Sunday Schools, and the chair appointed Bros. W. H. Perry, J. E. Powell and G. L. Buffaloe.

A motion made by Bro. J. E. Powell to hear the report of the Finance committee was adopted.

A motion made by Bro. E. Burt to hear the report of the committee on Ordination was adopted. The committee reported the following:

We, your committee on Ordination, beg leave to report that we find no work.

C. B. Gibbs,
L. Brown,
O. B. Alston,
Geo. W. Nicholson,
Isham Moore,
Committee.

On motion of Bro. Newsom Drawhorn, the report was received and the committee discharged.

On motion, agreed to hear the report of the committee on Temperance, which was read and recommitted to the committee.

The report of the committee on Finance and Letters was called for. On motion, the committee was allowed one hour's further time in which to report; after which, on motion of Rev. J. H. Burgess, the report was received.

On motion, agreed to hear the report of the committee on Time and Place of the next Association. The committee reported as follows:

We, your committee on Time and Place, beg leave to report that the next Association convene with the church at Walnut Grove, Tuesday after the fourth Sunday in August, 1882, nearest station Franklin Depot, Franklin county, N. C. We further suggest that there shall be a Minis-

terial Board, consisting of the nine following named brethren: Revs. A. Burgess, M. Pitchford, Isham Moore, J. Johnson, P. Alston, E. H. Ward, L. Brown, J. Sills and Bro. E. L. Burt. A. H. Jones to be Secretary of the Board. The first sitting of the Board to be held with the Pleasant Hill Baptist church, Tuesday after the first Lord's day in November, 1881; and after the first sitting. the chairman may call the Board together through the Secretary. We also appoint Rev. J. Mayes to preach the Introductory sermon, Rev. H. B. Alston, alternate. Rev. L. Brown to preach the Missionary sermon, Rev. J. Johnson, alternate. Rev. O. B. Alston to preach the Doctrinal sermon, Rev. J. Sills, alternate. Rev. C. B. Gibbs to preach the Temperance sermon, Rev. M. Pitchford, alternate. Rev. E. H. Ward to preach the Educational sermon, Rev. A. Burgess, alternate.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. DAVIS,
FREDERICK BATCHELOR,
WM. JENKINS,
SAMUEL BURT,
BURT BATTLE,
O. B. ALSTON,
R. H. ROBERSON,
Committee.

On motion of Bro. E. Burt, the report was adopted and the committee discharged.

On motion of A. Burgess, agreed to hear the report of the committee on Grievances. The committee reported as follows:

We, your committee on Grievances, beg leave to report that in our examination, we found some cases of grievances; but by getting the brethren together, reconciliation was reached. We find now peace and prosperity in all the churches in this Association.

Respectfully submitted,

P. ALSTON,
J. JOHNSON,
C. JOHNSON,
OLIVER ALSTON,
Committee.

Adopted.

On motion of Rev. C. B. Gibbs, Rev. O. B. Alston was appointed messenger to the Baptist State Convention.

On motion of Bro. Newsom Drawhorn, the Treasurer was directed to pay Rev. C. B. Gibbs the sum of $9.00 due him by this Association.

On motion, the annual report of the Treasurer was read and adopted.

On motion of Rev. O. B. Alston, the Ministerial Board was directed to collect all moneys due this Association.

The hour for adjournment having arrived, prayer was offered by Bro. Ellis Pratt. Benediction by the President.

NIGHT SESSION.

The Association was called to order at 9 o'clock by the Vice-President, Rev. H. B. Alston. The 407th hymn was sung, the 10th chapter of Ro-

mans was read, prayer was offered by Bro. John Brown, 966th hymn was sung, when the house was declared ready for business.

On motion of Bro. J. E. Powell, the proceedings of the afternoon session was adopted.

On motion of Bro. Newsom Drawhorn, the report of the committee on Temperance was read and adopted as follows :

We, your committee on Temperance, beg leave to report :

WHEREAS, Intemperance is one of the evils that debars our progress as a christian family and as a people, unless we are guarded against its direful effects ; it is therefore

Resolved, That this Association make the impression among its churches the necessity of totally abstaining from all intoxicating liquors as a beverage, using it only for medicinal purposes. May God help us so to do. Yours,

E. H. WARD,
ARCHUR RICKS,
Rev. B. SNOW.
Committee.

On motion of Bro. D. H. Eaton, the resolutions on Sabbath Schools were read, as follows :

Resolved 1*st*. That every Sunday School shall have one educational sermon preached in every three months for the benefit of the school.

Resolved 2*nd*. That as Bro. G. L. Buffaloe has been appointed a committee by the Baptist State Convention to attend all Sunday Schools, and is a useful brother in the cause of Christ, he is therefore invited to deliver a Sunday School lecture before the next session of this Association.

Resolved 3*d*. It shall be the duty of every minister and deacon to pay their due respects to the Sunday School, and make themselves useful in the cause of Christ.

JOHN E. POWELL,
G. L. BUFFALOE,
W. H. PERRY,
Committee.

On motion of Bro. Randall Yates, the resolutions were adopted.

On motion of Rev. C. B. Gibbs, it was ordered that eight hundred copies of the minutes be printed for the use of this Association.

On motion of Bro. W. H. Perry, the Finance Committee was ordered to turn the money over to the Treasurer.

On motion of Rev. J. H. Burgess, the half cent assessed upon the members of this Association be turned over to the missionary.

On motion of Rev. C. B. Gibbs, each church in this Association was advised to send two and a-half cents on each member to defray the expenses of the Association.

On motion of Rev. C. B. Gibbs, the minutes were ordered to be printed and distributed to the churches in thirty days after the assembling of the Board.

On motion, it was ordered that the money be handed over to the messengers to State Convention to defray their expenses.

On motion of Bro. D. H. Eaton, the Recording Secretary was allowed $5.00, and the Corresponding Secretary $2.50 for their services.

The time for preaching having arrived, business was suspended.

Sang hymn 97, and read the 10th chapter of Romans. Bro. Robert Wright lead in prayer. Sang hymn 651, after which the Educational

Sermon was delivered by Rev. O. B. Alston; text 3d chapter of St. John and 8th verse. The sermon was very instructive.

After which Rev. Isham Moore lead in prayer, when the Association sang a hymn and adjourned.

MORNING SESSION.

FRIDAY, October 7th, 1881.

The Association was called to order at 8:30 o'clock by Vice-President Rev. H. B. Alston. Sang hymn 938 and read the 23d chapter of Matthew. Prayer by Bro. Berry Drawhorn. After which sang hymn 519. The house was duly opened for business.

On motion of Bro. A. Roberson, the proceedings of the night session were read and adopted.

On motion of Rev. O. B. Alston, the Treasurer of the Association was instructed to pay all her expenses immediately.

On motion of Bro. Newsom Drawhorn, the collection taken up for Foreign Missions was ordered to be turned over to the messengers.

On motion, the Marshals were allowed $1 each, and the remainder of the money to be left in the hands of the Treasurer.

On motion of Rev. O. B. Alston, each delegate was instructed, after his return home, to ask his church to send one dollar to the Ministerial Board for the benefit of the Master's cause.

On motion of R. H. Roberson, a vote of thanks was extended to the people in the neighborhood of New Bethel church, both white and colored, for their kind hospitality in providing for the Association during the week, and to the sisters for their benevolence, and to Mr. Askew.

Resolution of Rev. E. H. Ward on distances of churches:

We will not recognize any church built inside of five miles of each other, excepting in towns or cities, or across rivers or creeks. Adopted.

Rev. O. B. Alston introduced the following:

WHEREAS, The Baptist Publication Society, situated in Philadelphia, Pa., has been the means of a rapid progress among our denomination in many localities by giving us the aid of worthy missionaries and furnishing our ministers, churches and Sunday Schools with good and useful books at low prices; and whereas, the valuable aid rendered us will be more duly appreciated as our denomination becomes enlightened, and realizes the benefit desired; therefore be it

Resolved 1*st*, That the thanks of this Association are hereby tendered to the Baptist Publication Society for the great interest manifested in our welfare.

Resolved 2*d*, That we, the members of this Association, do hereby extend our heartfelt thanks to Rev. A. Shepard, for the able manner in which he has labored among us in the missionary cause.

Resolved 3*d*, That each church connected with this Association be requested to set apart one day during the Associational year for prayer for the success of the Baptist Publication Society, and for a continuance of their good works, at which time a collection will be taken up for the same and deposit the money with this Association at its next annual meeting.

The following is the report of Rev. O. B. Alston as missionary :

DEAR BRETHREN: From the sitting of the Association in the year 1880 to the year 1881, I beg leave to report as follows: I have traveled twelve hundred miles, baptized 116 converts, organized one new church, assisted in settling difficulties in three churches in the bounds of this Association. Collected $47.80. Expenses $35.00.

I remain yours for heaven,

O. B. ALSTON.

Amount paid	out to	Missionary to date,		$15 00
"	"	Messengers to the State Convention,		20 00
"	"	Churches representing in Convention,		15 00
"	"	Recording Secretary,		5 00
"	"	Corresponding Secretary,		2 50
"	"	The Marshals,		2 00
"	"	Rev. John Mayes,		9 00

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

1	Oak Grove		$1 75
2	Walnut Grove		4 40
3	Battleboro		2 70
4	Enfield	(due $4 65)	3 50
5	Olive Grove		4 00
6	Ashaley Grove		1 00
7	Enon		1 50
8	Fishing Creek		75
9	Locust Grove		5 80
10	Mount Olive		2 50
11	New Bethel		2 70
12	Piney Chapel		6 62
13	St. Hope		1 85
14	Shady Grove		2 80
15	Piney Grove		3 00
16	St. Chapel		1 60
17	Union Hill		2 17
18	Social Union		3 75
19	Cedar Rock		2 75
20	Lovely Hill		8 00
21	Sandy Falk		2 04
22	Mayoe's Grove		73
23	Wilson		90
24	Mount Calvary		2 00
25	Pleasant Hill		1 50
26	Morning Star		1 00
27	Mark's Chapel		1 12
28	Ivey Hill		25
29	Peter's Rock		25
		(Due $4 65)	$82 94

STATISTICAL AND

NAMES OF CHURCHES.	CHURCH CLERKS.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	PASTORS.	Pastor's Salary.
Oak Grove	A. H. Jones	Littleton	L. Brown	$ 300 00
Olive Grove	A. Wright	Littleton	John Mayes	60 00
Mt. Olive	J. H. Cousin	Littleton	Isham More	60 00
Piney Grove	O. Toney	Aurelian Springs,	A. W. Ivey	53 00
Ashaley Grove	J. L. Pugh	Littleton	L. Brown	8 50
New Bethel	T. A. Town	Oakville	J. Mayes	60 00
Lovely Hill	A. Powell	Mountain View	L. Brown	75 00
Cedar Rock		Franklinton	P. Alston	Lib'lly
Locust Grove	J. H. Hunt	Warren Plains	J. Mayes	75 00
Walnut Grove	Hicks Davis	Mapleville	J. Ash	100 00
Wilson	J. M. D. Hill	Wilson		100 00
Social Union	Wm. Woodley	Hilliardston	P. Alston	
Mayoe's Grove	J. H. Hockidy	South Gaston	J. H. Cousin	
Fishing Creek	R. A. Davis	Warrenton	M. Pitchford	55 00
Sandy Falk	J. A. Wilkins	Spring Hope	O. B. Alston	
Mark Chapel	James Pethford	Battleboro	J. Sills	16 00
Battleboro		Ransom's Bridge,	O. B. Alston	65 00
Morning Star	George Hunter	Battleboro	C. B. Gibbs	
Pleasant Hill	G. W. Buffaloe	Ransom's Bridge,	H. B. Alston	60 00
Shady Grove	Y. Hinds	Crowel X Roads	V. Devereux	50 00
St. Chapel	G. Perry	Enfield	J. Whitaker	
Union Hill	R. Coppedge	Arcola	J. H. Burgess	500 00
St. Hope	Nick Petford	Spring Hope	O. B. Alston	40 00
Mt. Calvary	B. Crowell	Enfield	C. B. Gibbs	60 00
Ivey Hill	R. M. Lee	Battleboro	A. Burgess	10 00
Enon	R. Robinson	Littleton	J. Mayes	39 50
Pine Chapel	J. H. Coplin	Arcola	H. B. Alston	60 00
Peter's Rock		Wilson	E. H. Ward	
Enfield	E. W. Parker	Enfield	C. B. Gibbs	
Hickory Grove	Mack O'Day	Cedar Rock	J. Johnson	50 00

FINANCIAL TABLE.

Church Extension.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Let'r.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Number of Males.	Nu'ber of Females.	Membership.	Sent to Associati'n.	Due the Associat'n.	Value Church Property.	Sunday School Scholars.	Bible Readers.	S. S. Teachers.	State Mission.	S. of Worship.	Foreign Mission.
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CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be known as the REEDY CREEK MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, and shall have a President and Vice-President, who shall be elected by ballot at each annual meeting of the body, a Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer and Auditor, who shall be elected by acclamation at each annual meeting.

ART. 2. This Association shall be composed of pastors and messengers sent from the different churches, who shall be entitled to seats in this Association.

ART. 3. Letters received by this Association from different churches, shall give the total members in fellowship, those baptized, those received by letter, those dismissed by letter, those excommunicated, those deceased and the number of Sunday School scholars since the last meeting of the body, also the amount of money raised during the year.

ART. 4. The members chosen to discharge these duties shall have no power over God's heritage, nor shall they have any ecclesiastical power over the churches of this Association.

ART. 5. Churches may be received in this Association which shall make application by letter or messengers. Upon examination, if found in gospel order, it shall be the duty of the President to extend the right hand of fellowship to the messengers, and welcome the church into this Association.

ART. 6. Any church of the same faith and order may be entitled to representation in this Association, and may not send more than two messengers from each church. Each church must send two and a half cents (2½) per head on each member.

ART. 7. Every motion made and seconded shall be left to the discretion of the Association whether it shall be debated on not.

ART. 8. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of the Association. The best method of furnishing the minutes shall be left to the Association.

ART. 9. We believe it necessary to have an Associational fund to pay the expenses of the Association, therefore each church belonging to this Association is requested to pay the amount designated by the Association during its session.

ART. 10. The minutes of the previous session may be read and corrected, if necessary. The Association shall have power to enquire why any church does not, at any time of the sitting, represent themselves in the Association.

ART. 11. The Association will not fellowship any church which may violate the rules of the Association or the principles of religion.

ART. 12. This Association do advise each church to license such brethren only as are competent to preach the gospel; also ordain such brethren only as possess full qualifications to preach the gospel of Christ.

ART. 13. The Association shall appoint a Ministerial Board, consisting of nine members, whose duty shall be to receive applications for ordination and ordain the same if found worthy, and do any other work in gospel order.

ART. 14. This Association shall appoint a missionary, whose duty shall be to labor in destitute places, and collect what he can on the field for his services and where he can.

ART. 15. This Constitution shall be subject to alteration by a two-thirds vote of the Association only.

ART. 16. We adopt Hiscox's Directory for our guide in the Association.

RULES OF ORDER.

1st. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2nd. Not more than one person shall speak at the same time; and any one wishing to speak, shall arise and address the Moderator by the term *brother*.

3rd. The person speaking shall not be interrupted until he is done, unless he is out of order.

4th. The person speaking shall strictly adhere to the subject under consideration, and shall in no wise reflect on the brother who had preceded him, but shall firmly and courteously state the case so as to give his views.

5th. No brother shall abruptly brake off or absent himself without obtaining leave from the Association.

6th. No person shall speak more than twice on the same subject unless obtaining liberty from the Association.

7th. No brother shall be at liberty to whisper during the time a brother is speaking.

8th. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member, or prohibit his speaking until he gives his ideas on the subject, unless he violates the rules of this Association.

9th. The names of the several members shall be enrolled by the Secretary, and called over as often as the Association requires.

10th. The Moderator may give his views upon any subject before putting it to vote, but he is not entitled to vote except in case of a tie.

11th. Any member who knowingly brakes any of these rules shall be reproved by the body as the members may think proper.

Baptist Convention

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REPORT OF THE MINISTERIAL BOARD.

PLEASANT HILL BAPTIST CHURCH,
Halifax County, Nov. 8, 1881.

House called to order by the chairman, Rev. A. Burgess. Sang hymn 703, and read the 14th chapter of John. Rev. L. Brown lead in prayer, after which sang hymn 715, and house was ready for business.

On motion of Rev. J. Johnson, the roll was called.

On motion, visiting brethren were invited to participate with us in our work.

On motion, the proceedings of the Association were read and approved.

On motion, of Rev. O. B. Alston, adjourned for half an hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

House called to order by Rev. A. Burgess. Sang hymn 58. Rev. H. B. Alston lead in prayer, after which sang hymn 704, and house declared ready for business.

On motion, the money sent from the several churches to the Board for the Treasurer and Auditor was ordered to be turned over to them.

On motion, the resolution concerning pastors being sent to the Association as messengers was adopted.

On motion of Rev. L. Brown, the convening of the next Board be held with Lovely Hill church, Warren county, N. C.

On motion of H. B. Alston, the Board adjourned.